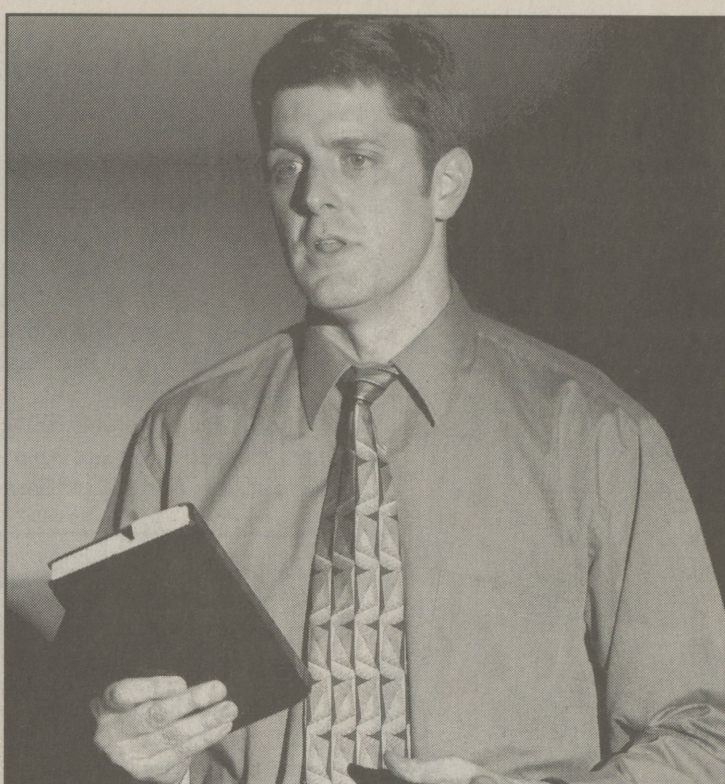


Soloist Dina Hamilton sings 'Healer in the House' during 'Testify' at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ.



Rob Pembleton stars in Sweet Valley Church of Christ's musical drama 'Testify.'



Soloist LuRae Milazzo sings 'Alabaster Box' in Sweet Valley Church of Christ's musical drama 'Testify.'

# 'Testify' teaches gospel

Parishioners at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ presented a musical drama entitled "Testify" at the Main Road church on Easter Sunday.

The story revolves around people stranded in a fog-encased airport as they attempt to make their way home.

A gentleman trying to get home to his father who is in the hospital happens upon a baseball player and his manager. The gentleman attempts to share the gospel with the baseball player but finds it difficult to do so.

Members of the choir, who are all stranded in the airport for one reason or another, come to the gentleman's aid and he is eventually able to engage the ball player in sharing the gospel.

The program was directed by Karen Steltz, choir director at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ.



Soloist Terry Price leads the choir in the finale of Sweet Valley Church of Christ's musical drama 'Testify' on Easter Saturday night.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

### Food Pantry lists collection sites

The Back Mountain Food Pantry Board reminds everyone that there are two official collection sites in the Back Mountain where donated nonperishable food can be dropped off during regular business hours: Hilbert's The Tractor Store on Route 415 in Dallas and Cook's Pharmacy on Route 309 in Shavertown.

### Applications available for acting academy

Applications are now being taken for the Music Box Theatre Academy, a musical theatre workshop for students ages 13 to 18 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Sessions begin Tuesday, April 27, and students will perform Disney's "High School Musical 2" on June 18, 19 and 20.

For information and enrollment forms, call 283-2195.

### Monday Night Bingo set

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company of Centermoreland will hold Monday Night Bingo on April 12. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m.

The firemen will hold an all day Bingo on April 25. Doors open at 12:01 p.m. and early birds start at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments and a dinner will be provided to all players. To make reservations, call Jim at 333-4906.

### Art display at PSU/WB

"Oh!riginals," paintings in acrylic, watercolor and oil by artist Dorothy T. Withy-Carroll will be on display from April 9-23 in the new art gallery in the Academic Commons building at Penn State, Wilkes Barre in Lehman.

An artist's reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 9.

For more information, call

675-0219.

### Spaghetti dinner slated

The Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the fire hall.

Tickets, at \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children age 5-12 and free for children under 5 years of age, are available from any member, at the door or by calling 333-5970 or purchased at the door. The dinner consists of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Take-outs are available.

### Fisherman's breakfast planned

A fisherman's breakfast will be held from 6 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Harveys Lake.

The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage. Tickets, at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12, are available at the door.

For more information, call 333-4218.

### Breakfast buffet set

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, at the fire hall on Stull Road, Noxen.

Price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

### Hike slated at state park

A Move It Outdoors Hike will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at Frances Slocum State Park.

Participants are asked to meet in the boat rental parking lot. The group will walk the trail and lake edge, then walk to the paved road back to its starting point.

### Eastern Star plans sale

The Dallas Eastern Star Building Association will hold a This & That Sale selling new and nearly new items, crafts and an indoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the Dallas Chapter Eastern Star Building Association, Foster Street and Woodlawn Avenues, Dallas.

Eastern Star members will serve lunch and their famous Welsh cookies.

For vendor information, call Dianne Corby at 675-4893.

### Blue Chip Farms benefit slated

Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge will benefit from the 11th annual celebration of World Tai Chi Oigong Day from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, 40 W. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre.

There will be Chinese Auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call the YMCA at 823-2191.

### Volunteers asked to help clean Slocum Park

Clean Up Day will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 24, at Frances Slocum State Park.

Volunteers are needed to help with Earth Day clean up at the park. Participants are asked to meet at the park office for their assignment.

Groups of five or more are asked to pre-register by calling 696-9105.

### Historical Association plans presentation

The Back Mountain Historical Association will have a special presentation at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26, in Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.

Harrison Wick, author of "Pennsylvania's Back Mountain" and "Greater Wyoming Valley Trolleys," will speak about trolleys and street cars in the Wyoming Valley and the Back Mountain.

## MERCY CENTER CELEBRATES MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Mercy Center Skilled Nursing and Personal Care residents hosted and entertained residents who celebrated March birthdays. From left, first row, are Louise Fisher, Dorothy Phillips, Robert Williamson and Mabel Harter. Second row, Loretta Ferris, Josephine Bean, Eleanor Hardisky and Lucy Beneski.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Trucksville UM Church sets craft fair

Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a craft fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the Dickson Education Center on Church Road in Trucksville.

Vendors will offer ideas for summer decorating. There will be face painting, a bake sale and food. Admission is free.

For more information, call 239-2348.

### Roast beef dinner set

Dymond Hollow United

Methodist Church will hold its annual roast beef dinner buffet and bake sale from 4:30 p.m. until sold out on Saturday, April 17. Take-outs will be available from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Dinner will include roast beef, gravy, real mashed potatoes, squash, creamed cabbage, green beans, homemade coleslaw, homemade applesauce, red beets, rolls, homemade pies and beverage.

Tickets, at \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children between the ages of 5 and 12 and free for

children under 5 years of age, will be available at the door. For more information, call 388-6566 or 333-5110.

### Spring Fling dance set

A Spring Fling Adult Dance with DJ Tony Rome will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza, chips, pretzels, wine, beer and soda.

For reservations, call Sharon at 477-2400 or Barb at 675-2075.